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1. I AM MOST APPRECIATIVE OF YOUR COMMENTS RELATIVE TO YOUR MEETING [Redacted] AND CONSIDER HIS QUERY CONCERNING A DEFINATE DATE FOR FURTHER PILOT TRAINING A REASONABLE ONE. IN TURN, I APPRECIATE YOUR INABILITY TO PROVIDE MORE DEFINITIVE INFORMATION AND WILL PROVIDE AN INSIGHT TO OUR PRESENT CAPABILITY SO THAT YOU WILL BE AWARE OF OUR POSTURE. YOU MAY USE THE INFORMATION AS YOU FEEL NECESSARY IN YOUR DISCUSSIONS.

2. WITH TWO ARTICLES [Redacted] ENGAGED IN TACKLE MISSION ACTIVITY ONLY, THE TWO ARTICLES AT [Redacted] ARE HEAVILY COMMITTED WITH LITTLE RELIEF IN SIGHT. WE ARE PRESENTLY TESTING ANOTHER NEW "H" LENSE WITH A NEW "B" LENS SCHEDULED THE END OF THIS MONTH. CONCOMITANT WITH THAT ARE CONTINUING RED DOT

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MISSIONS OF INDEFINITE TERM THAT TEST FILMS FOR SPECIAL
PROJECTS. SCOPE SAINT VI, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] OVER RIDING THESE,
BECAUSE OF WHITE HOUSE LEVEL INTEREST, IS A SERIES OF MISSIONS

[REDACTED] THAT

WILL BEGIN IN MID OCTOBER AND RUN FOR 90 DAYS AND PROBABLY 120
DAYS. OUR REQUIREMENT COULD BE AS MUCH AS THREE MISSIONS IN A
FIVE DAY BLOCK EVERY TEN DAYS. INTEGRATING ALL THE ABOVE WITH
THE BEGINNING OF TRAINING FOR [REDACTED] DRIVERS IN JANUARY
PLUS THE CONTINUATION OF OUR PRESENT [REDACTED] PILOT TRAINING
LEAVES US NO SURGE CAPABILITY IN ANY AREA AND THUS PRIORITIES
HAVE BECOME PARAMOUNT WITHIN THE REQUIREMENTS LEVIED UPON US
SINCE 1 JAN 72 TO DATE, [REDACTED] HAS FLOWN 283 SORTIES TOTALING
879.8 HOURS WHILE [REDACTED] HAS FLOWN 189 SORTIES FOR 606.7 HOURS.
THIS AMOUNTS TO ROUGHLY HALF AGAIN THE EFFORT OF [REDACTED]

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THIS COMPARISON IS NOT TO DENIGRATE THE OUTSTANDING EFFORT OF [] BUT ONLY TO SHOW OUR EFFORT AT [] IN THE LIGHT OF EXCELLENT WEATHER AND A HOST OF COMMITMENTS.

3. THE NECESSITY FOR ACCEPTANCE OF [] PILOT INPUT IS DEPENDENT UPON [] TOUR EXTENSION AND SETTING A SPECIFIC DATE AT THIS TIME COULD BE A DISADVANTAGE TO OURSELVES IN ESTABLISHING A COMMITMENT THAT WE COULD DEFER TO A LATER DATE AND REDUCE OUR LOAD AT [] FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE. IN THIS LIGHT I WOULD RATHER NOT MAKE A DEFINITE COMMITMENT AT THIS TIME BUT REVIEW THE ENTIRE PROBLEM IN THE EARLY SPRING.

END OF MESSAGE

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